

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



HF 644 – Hunter Safety Course Exceptions (LSB 2582HV)

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Description

House File 644 allows the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue a hunter safety and ethics certificate to the following residents without completion of a hunter safety course: peace officers, military personnel on active duty, and honorably discharged military veterans that request a certificate within one year after the date of discharge. In addition, military veterans discharged prior to the effective date of July 1, 2011, also have one year to request the certificate.

Background

The DNR offers hunter safety courses that must be completed by Iowa hunters born after January 1, 1972, prior to purchasing an Iowa hunting license. The hunter safety course includes topics of basic survival, first aid skills, water safety, wildlife identification, and provides an overview of wildlife management, hunting laws, and firearm/archery safety.

Assumptions

The following assumptions were used:

- There are an estimated 51,000 eligible applicants in the first year, however, the level of participation is unknown and a percentage range was used. For each year after, there will be approximately 250 participants.
- The estimated time to complete the hunter safety course application, verify eligibility, and other administrative tasks is thirty minutes per participant with an estimated cost of \$15.00 per hour or \$7.50 per applicant.
- The estimated cost for system programming changes is \$700.

The following table summarizes the estimated costs for FY 2012:

First Year Estimated Costs						
Persons Eligible	Participation Percent	Estimated Participants	Estimated Cost	Estimated Total Cost	Program. Cost	Estimated Total Cost
51,000	5.00%	2,550	\$7.50	\$19,125	\$ 700	\$19,825
51,000	10.00%	5,100	\$7.50	\$38,250	\$ 700	\$38,950
51,000	15.00%	7,650	\$7.50	\$57,375	\$ 700	\$58,075
51,000	20.00%	10,200	\$7.50	\$76,500	\$ 700	\$77,200
51,000	25.00%	12,750	\$7.50	\$95,625	\$ 700	\$96,325
51,000	30.00%	15,300	\$7.50	\$114,750	\$ 700	\$115,450

Fiscal Impact

There is no impact to the State General Fund.

Hunter safety activities are funded through appropriations from the Fish and Game Protection Fund to the DNR. The estimated fiscal impact is an increase in expenditures ranging from \$20,000 to \$115,000 for FY 2012, and \$4,000 for each year thereafter.

Source

Department of Natural Resources
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy 2010 Report
2009 American Community Survey –Civilian Veterans

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